

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 2-43 are being cancelled.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

Claims 44-99 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in the application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination, is presented, with an appropriate status identifiers.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1 and 44-99 will be pending in this application.

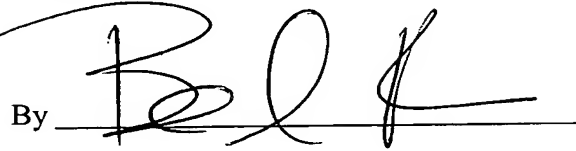
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that an interview will advance prosecution of the application, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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